



Nebraska Task Force 1 Urban Search & Rescue

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TO: Task Force Program Managers, National US&R Response System

FROM: Nebraska Task Force 1

SUBJECT: Addition of CP to NE-TF1 Canine Search Specialist
Certification Evaluation, Lincoln, NE

As of April 20, 2007 NE-TF1 has received 10 applications to attend the FEMA CE to be conducted on May 5 & 6, 2007 in Lincoln, NE. NE-TF1 is adding a limited amount of Certification Prep opportunities on Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6. The openings for CP include 4 for Saturday afternoon and 4 on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon from 1-4:00 pm will utilized to provide stations for focused training. See below for additional information on travel and lodging. The lodging location has limited rooms available so prompt response is required.

CP Application Process

The Canine Preparation is open to any currently Foundation Skills Assessment qualified canine team. Utilize the standard DHS-FEMA Application for Certification Preparation form that is located on the Disasterdog.org website or on the Lincoln Fire & Rescue NE-TF1 website at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/fire/usar/k9eval/index.htm>

Applications for the CP evaluation must include all required signatures verifying that the applicant meets FSA level criteria. Applications will be accepted for up to 8 teams, 4 for Saturday afternoon on May 5, and 4 for Sunday morning May 6. NE-TF1 will accept CP applications to fill the openings until Monday, April 30. Applications for CP should be forwarded to:

Lincoln Fire & Rescue Training Division
NE-TF1 Urban Search & Rescue
Attn: Jaimie Merryman
5435 NW 1st Street
Lincoln, NE 68521

If you have questions, contact Jaimie Merryman at:
Phone: 402-441-4966 FAX: 402-441-8798 E-mail: jmerryman@lincoln.ne.gov

Lodging

Lodging has been arranged for candidates and canines at the Sleep Inn, 3400 NW 12th Street, Lincoln NE 68521. The phone/fax numbers are the same and are 402-475-1550. A block of rooms has been secured at the rate of \$59.95 plus 12% tax per night per single room which includes continental breakfast starting at about 0600. You will need to make reservations by April 25th, 2007 to ensure the above rate. Mention the "Lincoln Fire & Rescue NETF1 Canine Evaluation" when making your reservations.

The Sleep Inn accepts major credit cards and is close to Lincoln Municipal Airport. Shuttle service can be arranged with prior notice to the Sleep Inn. Please inform them of your need for shuttle when you make your room reservation. A meeting room has been arranged at the Sleep Inn for evaluation briefings on Friday and Saturday evenings. A large grassy area is adjacent to the lodging property to exercise and relieve canines.

Travel to Lincoln, Nebraska

Via Airline – Lincoln Municipal Airport (LNK) is served by United, American, and US Airways. Omaha's Eppley Airfield (OMA) offers a wider range of carriers and is about 60 miles from Lincoln.

Via Ground – Lincoln is situated along Interstate 80 in southeastern Nebraska. The Sleep Inn (lodging arranged for the evaluation) is located just off of Interstate 80 at Exit 399.

Participant Info

All accepted applicants must provide their own personal protective equipment including approved task force uniform, helmet, leather gloves, safety boots, eye protection, and knee & elbow pads. Evaluation candidates who do not have the appropriate personal protective equipment will not be allowed to participate in the evaluation process.

Candidates must provide their own transportation from the lodging location to the designated evaluation staging area. The staging area is approximately 25 miles from the lodging location. It is highly recommended that all participants secure ground transportation for their local travel. Local rental transportation can be secured at the Lincoln Municipal Airport (LNK) or Omaha Eppley Airfield (OMA). Major rental agencies are available at the airport locations including Avis, Alamo, Budget, Hertz, National, and Thrifty.

Participants will be required to attend the pre-evaluation & safety briefings on the evening prior to their evaluation in the conference room at the Sleep Inn and any additional briefings prior to or after their evaluation. Directions to the evaluation site will be provided at the pre-evaluation briefings. Also, visit the NE-TF1 Evaluation Website for additional information at:

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/fire/usal/k9eval/index.htm>